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SUBJECT: BULGAR INQUIRY RE SECRETARIAL VISIT

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1. BULGARIAN CHARGE VELCHEV CAME TO EE JAN 2 TO ASK
IF SECRETARY KISSINGER PLANNED VISIT BULGARIA IN 1974.
HOUSTON REPLIED HE UNAWARE ANY PLANS FOR SUCH A VISIT.
HE THOUGHT THAT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR 1974 STILL
SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE COUNT
ON SECRETARY BEING ABLE COME BULGARIA THIS YEAR IN
RESPONSE ORAL INVITATION EXTENDED BY FONMIN MLADENOV AT

UN.

2. HOUSTON WENT ON TO SAY DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE
ABOUT SIGNING CONSULAR CONVENTION IF IT ACCEPTED BY BOTH
GOVS. SINCE US HAD NEGOTIATED CONVENTION IN SOFIA, PERHAPS
SIGNING SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON AS PART OF
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PACKAGE CONNECTED WITH POPOV VISIT.

3. VELCHEV REPLIED GOB MIGHT PREFER HAVE CONVENTION
SIGNING NOT DELAYED FOR POPOV VISIT. POPOV WANTS CONCLUDE
ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. GOB UNDERSTANDS THIS NOT NOW POSSIBLE

THUS POPOV VISIT COULD BE DELAYED.

4. VELCHEV ASKED AT WHAT LEVEL USG PROPOSING CONSULAR
CONVENTION SIGNATURE. HOUSTON SAID STATE HAD NOT
FOCUSSED ON SIGNATURE QUESTION YET. HE NOTED WHILE
RECENT US CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH EE COUNTRIES SIGNED
AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, US-SOVIET CONVENTION SIGNED AT
AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. RUSH

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